

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT/COMMENT

I. Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with C. Noel Kaman on October 29, 2003.

(i) Claim 25 has been amended to read as follows:

~~4~~ 25. An antigen binding fragment of the antibody of claim ~~22~~¹.

(ii) Applicants are also advised that the title has been changed by informal Examiner's amendment to more accurately reflect the claimed invention. The title now reads:

"Antibodies against a secreted polypeptide that stimulates release of proteoglycans from cartilage".

II. Correction of Inventorship under 37C.F.R. § 1.48

Applicants' request for correction of inventorship under 37C.F.R. § 1.48 (b) is granted. The inventorship in this nonprovisional application has been changed by the

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-21 (canceled)

Claim ~~22~~¹ (previously presented): An antibody that binds to the polypeptide shown in Figure 2 (SEQ ID NO:2).

Claim ~~23~~² (previously presented): The antibody of claim ~~22~~¹ which is a monoclonal antibody.

Claim ~~24~~³ (previously presented): The antibody of claim ~~22~~¹ which is a humanized antibody.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The antibody of claim 22 which is an antigen binding antibody fragment.

Claim ~~26~~⁵ (previously added): The antibody of claim ~~22~~¹ which is labeled.

Claim 27 (canceled)
